MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTIETH SESSION

OF THE

Louisiana Annual Conference

OF THE

METHODIST E. CHURCH SOUTH,

Held in New Orleans, La., December 15-20th, 1875.

BISHOP N. McTYEIRE, *Presiding.*
CHRISTIAN KEENER, *Secretary.*

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Conference was held in the basement of the Carondelet Street Methodist Church South, at New Orleans, Louisiana.

It opened at 10 A. M., December 15, 1875, and closed Monday, December 20, 1875. Bishops Holland, N. McTyeire, present, and presiding. Bishop E. M. Marvin was present one day. Christian Keener was elected Secretary, and Samuel H. Schroeder, Assistant Secretary. The following members ot the Conference were present during the session:

CLERICAL.—J. B. Walker, John Mathews, John T. Sawyer, James A. Ivy, Lewis A. Read, J. D. Harper, R. J. Harp, Chas. W. Carter, R. S. Trippett, H. O. White, B. F. White, J. S. White, Frederick White, W. P. Owen, T. S. Randle, James L. Wright, A. M. Wailes, B. Clegg, Wm. Hart, B. F. Alexander, E. B. Foust, N. S. Cornell, Thomas H. McClendon, Joel T. Daves, John A. Miller, T. J. Upton, M. C. Manly, John W. Hearne, James S. McKee, F. G. Hocutt, A. E. Clay, R. T. Parish, Robert Parvin, A. E. Goodwyn, John Pipes, J. M. Franklin, J. M. Brown, Phil. Allen, Jessie Fulton, Robert Randle, J. H. Stone, T. Mullett, W. R. Whatley, John F. Wynn, George Jackson, C. R. Godfrey, James E. Cobb, Jos. F. Scurlock, R. S. Isbell, John V. Pointer, J. W. Medlock, Robert A. Davis, S. H. Cooper, J. M. Johnson, and Philip H. Diffenworth.

LAY—S. K. Russ, A. S. Helmick, R. L. Robinson, I. R. Adams, J. Lane Borden, Joseph Gorton, D. A. Boddie, W. H. N. Magruder, and as visitors, A. H. Redford, our General Conference Book Agent, and Dr. Willey, President of Emory and Henry College, Virginia.

New Feb.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER. D. A. Boddie, Daniel M. Ward.

Q. 2. Who remains on trial?

A. J. F. Patterson, A. Hoffpauier, G. T. Freeman.

Q. 3. Who are discontinued?

A. W. V. Taylor, at his own request.

Q. 4. Who are admitted into full connection?

A. A. E. Clay, John T. Sawyer, Wm. R. Whatley.

Q. 5. Who are re-admitted?

A. Lewis A. Read, R. M. Crowson, Charles W. Hodge, J. Lane Borden.

Q. 6. Who are received by transfer?

A. W. E. Munsey.

Q. 7. Who are the deacons of one year?

A. A. E. Clay, John T. Sawyer, J. S. White, F. S. Randle, J. J. Billingsley, Wm. Hart, John W. Hearne, A. M. Wailes.

Q. 8. What traveling preachers are elected Deacons?

A. Wm. R. Whatley.

Q. 9. What local preachers are elected Deacons?

A. Jas. W. Madison.

Q. 10. What traveling preachers are elected Elders?

A. F. G. Hocutt and Samuel H. Schroeder.

Q. 11. What local preachers are elected Elders?

A. Charles W. Hodge.

Q. 12. What traveling preachers are ordained Deacons?

A. W. R. Whatley.

Q. 13. What local preachers are ordained Deacons?

A. None.

Q. 14. What traveling preachers are ordained Elders?

A. F. G. Hocutt, S. H. Schroeder, by Bishop McTyeire, Sunday, December 19, 1875.

Q. 15. What local preachers are ordained Elders?

A. Charles W. Hodge, by Bishop McTyeire, Sunday, December 19, 1875.

Q. 16. Who are located this year?

A. None.

Q. 17. Who are supernumary this year?

A. Almarin G. Miller, Patrick Lane.

Q. 18. Who are superannuated ?

A. H. C. Thweatt, J. S. Davis, W. E. Doty, Edwin W. Yancey, Philo M Goodwyn, Joel Saunders, Philip H. Dieffenworth, J. C. Read.

Q 19 What preachers have died this year ?

A. John Wilkinson.

Q. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration ?

A Their names were called over one by one, and their characters were examined and passed, except that of Thomas Mullett, who has withdrawn at his own request.

Q. 21. What is the number of preachers in the several station missions of the Conference ?

ANSWER :

Local preachers		75
Last year	90	
Decrease		15
Members	13,310	
Last year	12,362	
Increase		948

MEMBERSHIP.

Number of preachers and members in the several Circuits, Stations and Missions of the Louisiana Annual Conference, M. E. Church South:

	MEMBERS		LOCAL PREACH'S	
NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.	White.	Colored.	White.	Colored.
Carondelet Street	500	2	2	
Felicity Street	410	4	1	
Moreau Street	117			
Cadiz Street and Carrollton	73		1	
Louisiana Avenue	88		1	
Algiers	95			
Lafourche	15			
Baton Rouge	188			
Plaquemine and Gross Tete	27			
	1513	6	5	
DELHI DISTRICT.				
Monroe	75			
Trenton	184	4	3	
Bastrop	129		1	
Lind Grove	266		1	
Oak Ridge	83	1		
Bœuff River	154			
Winnsboro	400		2	
Waterproof and St. Joseph	78			
Tensas	87	3	1	
Delhi	130		4	
Lake Providence and Pecan Grove	53		1	
Floyd	215		4	
Cothron Mission	70			
	1924	8	17	

	MEMBERS		LOCAL PREACH'S	
HOMER DISTRICT.	White.	Colored.	White.	Colored.
Homer	250		1	
Lisbon	350		1	
Haynesville	470		2	
Minden	290		1	
Sparta	230		3	
Arcadia	250		1	
Vernon	500		2	
Castor	410	6	4	
Louisville	170		1	
Downsville	410		1	
Farmerville	300		4	
	3630	6	21	
SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.				
Shreveport	156			
Caddo	235		2	
DeSoto	204			
Mansfield and Pleasant Hill	213		1	
Natchitoches	78			
Manny and Beulah	314		1	
Anacoco and Leasville	462	22	7	
Springville	200		2	
Webster	206			
South Bossier	No report			
North Bossier	119		1	
	2187	22	14	
ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT.				
Pineville and Alexandria	90	20	2	
Rapides	450			
Montgomery	389	14	3	
Harrisonburg and Sicily Island	90		1	
Centerville	250	20	1	
Trinity	44	1		
Little River Mission	62			
Columbia	140			
Caldwell	250		3	
Dugdemona	No report			
	1765	55	10	

OPELOUSAS DISTRICT.	MEMBERS		LOCAL PREACH'S	
	White.	Colored.	White.	Colored.
Opelousas	143		1	
Washington and Plaquemine Brulée	255			
Vermilionville	94		1	
Abbeville	450			
New Iberia	252			1
Franklin	108			
Pattersonville and Brashear	74		1	
Lake Charles	70		1	
Grand Cheniere	106	30	1	
Chicot and Ville Platte	40			
Spring Creek	175		2	
Evergreen and Big Cane	207		1	
Sugar Town	277			
Bayou Beuff	40			
	2291	30	8	1

RECAPITULATION.

New Orleans District	1513	6	5	
Delhi District	1924	8	17	
Homer District	3630	6	21	
Shreveport District	2187	22	14	
Alexandria District	1765	55	10	
Opelousas District	2291	30	8	1
Aggregate	13310	127	75	1
Last year	12362	94	90	0
Increase	948	33		1
Decrease			15	

BAPTISMS.

QUESTIONS 22 and 23. How many infants and adults have been baptized during the year?

ANSWER:

	Adults.	Infants.
New Orleans District	36	115
Delhi District	67	96
Homer District	273	124
Shreveport District	154	90
Alexandria District	102	69
Opelousas District	57	189
Total	689	683

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

QUESTIONS 24, 25, 26. What is the number of Sunday Schools, teachers, and scholars?

ANSWER:

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.	Schools.	Officers & Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Collected for Sabbath Schools.	For Missions.	Periodicals Taken.	Scholars Received into Church.
Carondelet Street	1	31	220	1150	.....	.....	330	17
Felicity Street	1	29	303	1550	$ 170 05	$ 136 05	100	9
Moreau Street	1	14	100	1300	376 95	53 95	160	27
Cadiz Street and Carrollton	2	27	178	375	34 18	26 75	.....	.....
Louisiana Avenue	2	32	135	500	35 00	15 00	240	2
Algiers	1	15	95	350	53 05	11 45	.....	.....
Lafourche	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Baton Rogue	1	15	110	550	15 00	42 00	100	1
	9	163	1141	5775	684 23	285 20	870	56
DELHI DISTRICT.								
Monroe	1	10	45	250	25 75	.....	.....	.....
Trenton	2	21	104	700	140 05	29 00	132	2
Bastrop	1	10	57	250	26 65	13 15	57	4
Lind Grove	2	7	50	300	4 50	.....	30	1
Oak Ridge	1	5	20	250	.....	.....	10	.....
Bœuff River	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Winnsboro	3	12	80	75	.....	.....	.....	.....
Waterproof and St. Joseph	1	7	50	272	5 00	.....	56	.....
Tensas	No report	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Delhi	1	7	40	.....	110 00	.....	24	1
Lake Providence and Pecan Grove	2	9	65	100	15 00	.....	.....	.....
Floyd	3	13	80	100	12 50	.....	15	1
Cottroon Mission	2	8	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	20	109	631	2197	336 45	33 15	324	9
HOMER DISTRICT.								
Homer	2	14	90	125	16 00	.....	.....	.....
Lisbon	3	18	225	300	15 00	.....	.....	.....
Haynesville	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Minden	2	12	80	220	10 00	37 25	22	5
Sparta	No report	.....	.....	255	.....	.....	.....	.....
Arcadia	2	23	75	230	1 00	.....	.....	.....
Vernon	4	28	130	150	30 00	.....	30	23
Castor	4	22	150	250	13 60	37 25	22	5
Louisville	5	12	80	.....	30 00	.....	40	20
Downsville	1	6	30	150	16 00	.....	.....	.....
Farmersville	2	12	50	200	19 00	.....	30	.....
	25	147	910	1880	141 60	74 50	144	53
SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.								
Shreveport	1	19	115	400	117 23	24 25	135	.....
Caddo	1	6	37	250	.....	.....	.....	.....
DeSoto	No report	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mansfield and Pleasant Hill	2	26	142	450	.....	.....	155	.....
Natchitoches	1	10	60	150	100 00	.....	65	.....
Manny and Beulah	3	20	250	20	5 00	.....	.....	10
Anacoco and Leasville	4	18	102	48	.....	.....	.....	.....
Springville	2	13	45	.....	19 50	.....	.....	2
Webster	2	10	40	215	300 00	.....	72	6
South Bossier	No report	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
North Bossier	2	10	30	100	11 60	.....	.....	.....
	18	132	821	1813	283 33	24 25	427	18

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT.	Schools.	Officers & Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Collected for Sabbath Schools.	For Missions.	Periodicals Taken.	Scholars Received into Church.
Pineville and Alexandria	2	6	30	.....	$ 14 00	.....	....	....
Rapides	6	25	150	30	.....	.....	....	....
Montgomery	3	15	200	300	53 00	$ 8 00	....	20
Harrisonburg and Sicily Island	2	7	40	50	25 50	.....	45	3
Centerville	3	16	90	100	8 00	.....	....	10
Trinity	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	....	....
Little River Mission	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	....	....
Columbia	3	16	60	200	15 00	.....	10	25
Caldwell	4	10	50	50	10 00	.....	....	20
Dugdemona	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	....	....
	23	95	620	1000	130 50	8 00	55	78
OPELOUSAS DISTRICT.								
Opelousas	1	8	30	200	11 75	1 50	45	....
Washington and Plag. Brulee	4	25	130	800	17 00	.....	25	8
Vermillionville	1	10	35	250	.....	.....	....	....
Abbeville	3	24	170	480	39 00	.....	70	10
New Iberia	2	9	94	1000	21 50	.....	105	7
Franklin	1	8	40	200	16 40	.....	45	4
Pattersonville and Brashear	1	9	34	116	80	.....	....	....
Lake Charles	1	....	....	.....	.....	.....	....	....
Grand Cheniere	2	3	25	30	8 00	.....	....	....
Chicot and Ville Platte	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	....	....
Spring Creek	1	5	35	.....	.....	.....	....	....
Evergreen and Big Cave	4	22	105	225	37 00	.....	....	....
Sugartown	3	9	75	200	.....	.....	....	....
Bayou Bœuff	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	....	....
	24	132	773	3501	151 45	1 50	290	29
RECAPITULATION.								
New Orleans District	9	163	1141	5775	684 23	285 20	870	56
Delhi	20	109	631	2197	336 45	33 15	324	09
Homer	25	147	910	1880	141 60	74 50	144	53
Shreveport	18	132	821	1813	283 33	24 25	427	18
Alexandria	23	95	620	1000	130 50	8 00	55	78
Opelousas	24	132	773	3501	151 45	1 50	290	29
Aggregate	119	778	4896	16166	1727 56	426 60	2110	243
Last year	103	740	4348	16483	2079 10	384 00	2706	380
Increase	16	38	548	.....	.....	42 60	....	....
Decrease	....	....	....	317	351 54	.....	596	137

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

QUESTION 27. What amount is necessary for the Superannuated Preachers, and the Widows and Orphans of Preachers?

Answer: $2030.

Q. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how has it been applied?

A. Collected.....$1678 80

APPLIED—TO SUPERANNUATES.

P. M. Goodwyn	$180 00	
J. S. Davis	175 00	
E. W. Young	75 00	
H. C. Thweatt	95 00	
Joel Saunders	90 00	
Ph. Deffenwenth	100 00	$ 715 00
Mrs. J. H. Waters	70 00	
Mrs. Fielding Bell	70 00	
Mrs. Richmond Randle	125 00	
Mrs. Uriah Whatley	100 00	
Mrs. W. G. McGaulley	125 00	
Widow and Orphans of R. R. Alexander	150 00	
Widow J. D. Adams	200 00	
Orphans of C. J. Halberg	123 80	$ 963 80
		$1678 80

BISHOPS' CLAIM.

Amount of Claim	$800 00
Amount Collected	678 40
Deficit	$121 60

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That in order to meet the claims of the Superannuated, and Widows and Orphans, the preachers pay *five per cent.* of their total receipts.

Resolved, That the Bishops' Claim for the ensuing year be $800, and be apportioned to the several Districts as follows, with instructions that the Presiding Elders divide the amount for their respective Districts among the several circuits and stations of the same; and that they take up collections to meet the amount so apportioned:

APPORTIONMENT.

New Orleans District	$300 00
Delhi District	133 33
Homer District	133 33
Shreveport District	100 00
Alexandria District	66 67
Opelousas District	66 67
Total	$800 00

BOARD OF FINANCE FOR 1876.

Clerical—John Mathews, Th. H. McClendon, John F. Wynn, J. M. Brown, J. M. McKee, B. F. White.

Lay—Phillip Halaran, H. B. Wells, Thos. J. Hugh, B. F. Spearman, F. M. McCormack, W. H. Cunningham.

REPORT OF THE JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE OF LOUISIANA CONFERENCE.

NAME.	WORK.	Total Allowance.	Total Receipts.	Widows and Orphans. Five p. cent.	Bishops' Collection.
J. B. Walker, P. E.	NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT				
Jno. Mathews	Carondelet Street	$4000 00	$2493 36	$239 68	$170 00
J. B. Walker	Felicity Street	.....	2600 00	160 00	120 00
J. T. Sawyer	Moreau Street	300 00	582 80	30 15	8 50
R. B. Downer	Cadiz Street	1500 00	374 45	.....	2 60
Linus Parker	Louisiana Avenue	900 00	400 00	56 00	30 00
Lewis A. Reed	Algiers	600 00	250 00	12 50	2 00
Jno. Wilkinson & Christ'n Keener	Baton Rouge	.....	1182 00	28 00	20 00
Jacob D. Harper	Plaquemine and Grosse Tete		179 20	9 00	5 00
Chas. W. Carter, P. E.	DELHI DISTRICT				
R. S. Trippett	Monroe	1000 00	442 00	8 00	6 40
Henry O. White	Trenton	1000 00	1000 00	50 00	15 00
Wm. P. Owen	Bastrop	1000 00	927 12	46 35	15 00
Thos. S. Randle	Lind Grove	800 00	426 00	21 50	12 50
Jas. L. Wright	Oak Ridge	665 00	445 00	23 00	9 50
.....	Bœuff River	.....	174 70		
A. M. Wailes	Winnsboro	600 00	391 00	21 00	10 00
Baxter Clegg	Waterproof and St. Joseph	800 00	627 00	32 00	12 50
Wm. Hart	Tensas	350 00	216 00	12 00	10 00
B. F. Alexander	Delhi	1000 00	450 00	25 00	12 50
N. S. Cornell	Lake Providence	1000 00	405 00	20 25	
T. H. McClendon	Floyd	800 00	500 00	25 00	10 00
Wm Keller	Cothwon Mission				
Jno. A. Miller, P. E.	HOMER DISTRICT				
Wm. P. Kimball	Homer	700 00	580 00	8 15	
Jas. L. Williams	Lisbon	600 00	400 00		
Thos. J. Upton	Haynesville	900 00	620 85	31 05	15 00

M. C. Manley	Minden	1000 00	732 50	36 50	15 00
J. W. Hearne	Sparta	700 00	198 50	10 00	
Jno. C. Read	Arcadia	700 00	405 00	20 25	12 00
Jas. M. McKee	Vernon	660 00	660 00	30 00	15 00
F. G. Hocutt	Castor	400 00	390 00	19 50	6 00
A. E. Clay	Louisville	200 00	80 00	13 00	4 00
R. T. Parish	Downsville	510 00	443 00	22 15	11 30
Robt. Parvin	Farmerville	1000 00	568 75		10 00
S. S. Scott, P. E	SHREVEPORT DISTRICT				
A. E. Goodwyn	Shreveport	2000 00	1600 00	80 00	20 00
R. H. Adair	Caddo	665 00	325 00	16 20	6 95
Jno. Pipes	DeSoto	750 00	415 00	20 75	5 00
J. M. Brown	Mansfield	1000 00	750 00	37 50	18 00
J. S. White	Natchitoches	565 00	209 33	10 44	1 60
J. M. Franklin	Manny	450 00	254 00	12 00	5 00
Wm. A. Droddy	Anacoco				
Phillip Allen	Springville	600 00	320 00	30 30	2 45
J. F. Patterson	Webster	450 00	307 45	14 25	6 00
G. M. Liverman	South Bossier	775 00	550 00	29 00	11 00
Robt. Randle	North Bosier	656 66	314 65	31 00	10 00
Jos. H. Stone, P. E	ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT				
Thos. Mullet	Pineville and Alexandria		180 00	14 50	
P. Shepard	Rapides		110 30		
D. A. Boddie	Montgomery		300 00	15 00	8 00
S. H. Schroeder	Harrisonburg and Sicily Island	400 00	264 00	15 00	10 00
Wm. R. Whatley	Centerville		110 00	5 50	3 00
J. F. Wynn	Columbia	500 00	500 00	34 75	10 50
Geo. Jackson	Caldwell	360 00	200 00	10 00	3 00
Jas. E. Cobb, P. E	OPELOUSAS DISTRICT				
J. F. Scurlock	Opelousas	800 00	394 25	25 50	10 00
R. S. Isbell	Washington and P. B	1050 00	644 60	32 25	8 20
J. V. Pointer	Vermillionvilie	550 00	300 00	15 00	4 00
Abel Hoffpauir	Abbeville	700 00	273 55	9 00	
B. F. White	New Iberia	1000 00	711 00	20 75	7 00

REPORT OF THE JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE OF LOUISIANA CONFERENCE.—Continued.

NAME.	WORK.	Total Allowance.	Total Receipts.	Widows and Orphans. Five p. cent.	Bishops' Collection.
J. W. Medlock	Franklin	$ 800 00	$ 432 00	$ 5 00	$ 3 00
Robt. A. Davis	Pattersonville	600 00	117 30	15 00	6 70
J. J. Billingsley	Lake Charles	300 00	170 40	11 00	8 00
Silas H. Cooper	Grand Cheniere	700 00	200 00	10 00	10 00
Frederick White	Chicot and Ville Platte				
Frederick White	Spring Creek		25 00	1 50	
J. M. Johnson	Evergreen	600 00	420 00	20 00	6 00
Frederick White	Bayou Bœuff		50 00	2 00	

Amounts Contributed per Member for Ministerial Support, Conference Collections and Missions in the Several Districts.

New Orleans	Per Capita	$7 00	Shreveport	Per Capita	$2 83
Delhi	" "	3 55	Alexandria	" "	1 06¼
Homer	" "	1 65	Opelousas	" "	1 36

MISSIONS.

The Conference Missionary Anniversary was held in the Carondelet Street Church, on Sunday night, December 19th, 1875.

B. F. Alexander, President of the Conference Missionary Board.

The meeting opened with religious services by Rev. Joel T. Daves, late Superintendent of the Mexican Mission, by reading portions of the Prophecy of Isaiah, singing and prayer.

The speakers of the evening were Rev. Joel T. Daves and Dr. A. H. Redford.

The Secretary of the Board, Rev. John Wilkinson, having died during the year, there was no report. A. E. Goodwyn, Treasurer, read the financial report of the Board.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

A. E. GOODWYN, TREASURER,

In account with the Board of Missions of the Louisiana Conference.

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

1874		Dr.
Carondelet Street	$ 126 00	
Felicity Street	126 55	
Moreau Street	8 50	
Baton Rouge	9 00	
Algiers	11 45	
Cadiz Street	10 00	
Louisiana Avenue	39 50	
Total		$ 331 00

DELHI DISTRICT.

Waterproof	$ 25 00	
Winnsboro	5 00	
Oak Ridge	5 75	
Trenton S. S	20 00	
Delhi	8 00	
Floyd	24 25	
Harrisonburg	20 00	
Tensas	5 60	
Total		$ 113 60

HOMER DISTRICT.

Vernon Circuit	$ 10 00	
Minden	5 00	
Downsville	7 10	
Lewisville	1 00	
Total		$ 23 10

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.

Shreveport	$ 25 00	
Caddo	25 00	
Manny and Beulah	2 50	
Mansfield and Pleasant Hill	63 00	
North Bossier	10 00	
Webster	13 00	
Springville	20 00	
DeSoto	14 00	
South Bossier	7 50	
Total		$ 180 00

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT.

Alexandria and Pineville	$ 20 65	
Columbia	5 00	
Caldwell	3 00	
Centerville	7 00	
Total		$ 35 65

OPELOUSAS DISTRICT.

Evergreen and Big Cave	$ 5 00	
Vermillionville	5 00	
New Iberia	8 00	
Pattersonville	4 00	
Franklin	4 00	
Spring Creek	1 00	
Washington	13 00	
Opelousas	11 20	
Grand Chenier	2 00	
Total		$ 53 20
Cash in hand at last report		483 69

FROM OTHER SOURCES.

Anniversary half of collections	135 35
Total	$1355 59

CREDITS.

By amount paid draft Sparta work	$ 50 00	
By amount paid draft Spring Creek work	50 00	
By amount paid draft Montgomery work	50 00	
By amount paid draft Winnsboro work	50 00	
By amount paid Presiding Elder Opelousas District	50 00	
By amount paid Presiding Elder Shreveport District	50 00	
By amount paid Conference Minutes	175 00	
Cash in hand	880 59	
Total		$1355 59

MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS FOR GENERAL BOARD.

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

Carondelet Street	*$578 00	
Felicity Street	250 15	
Felicity Sunday School	136 05	
Moreau Street Sunday School	53 95	
Moreau Street Church	35 25	
Baton Rouge	42 40	
Algiers	6 60	
Cadiz Street	26 75	
Plaquemine and Grosse Tete	3 00	
Louisiana Avenue	130 00	
Total		$1259 15

DELHI DISTRICT.

Monroe	$ 22 50	
Waterproof	31 00	
Winnsboro	6 00	
Oak Ridge	3 50	
Trenton	63 00	
Delhi	17 00	
Floyd	28 75	
Bastrop	69 40	
Bastrop Sunday School	13 15	
Harrisonburg	30 00	
Tensas	3 65	
Lind Grove	20 60	
Total		$ 308 55

HOMER DISTRICT.

Vernon Circuit	$ 33 50	
Minden	100 00	
Minden Sunday School	37 55	
Farmersville	25 00	
Castor	6 00	
Downsville	14 35	
Lewisville	2 00	
Total		$ 218 10

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.

Shreveport	$175 75	
Shreveport Sunday School	24 25	
Caddo	35 10	
Mansfield and Pleasant Hill	140 00	
North Bossier	25 00	
Webster	28 00	
Springville	32 35	
DeSoto	21 00	
South Bossier	15 00	
Total		$ 496 45

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT.

Alexandria and Pineville	$ 23 60	
Columbia	15 00	
Caldwell	2 00	
Centerville	5 00	
Total		$ 45 60

* $400 of this amount contributed by the Carondelet Sunday School.

OPELOUSAS DISTRICT.

Opelousas	$ 22 35	
Vermillionville	8 00	
New Iberia	16 00	
Franklin	8 25	
Spring Creek	2 00	
Washington	29 00	
Lake Charles	17 00	
Grand Ohenier	3 00	
Total		$ 106 10
ANNIVERSARY—		
Carondelet Sunday School for Mexican Mission	$200 00	
Half of general collection	135 35	
		$ 335 35
Total collected from Districts		2433 95
Grand total		$2769 30

CREDITS.

By amount sent A. R. Redford, as per receipts and vouchers,	$ 289 50	
By amount collected of preachers by Joel T. Davis, as per receipts	457 60	
By amount paid C. L. Walmsley & Co., to meet drafts of J. C. Keener	788 65	
By amount from Carondelet Sunday School, held by R. M. Walmsley for J. C. Keener	200 00	
By amount sent to China by Felicity Street Sunday School,	136 05	
By amount sent to China by Moreau Street Sunday School,	20 70	
By amount of cash paid R. J. Harp, for A. H. Redford	876 00	
		$2769 30

DOMESTIC.

Amount assessed the Conference for the home work.....$1000

The foregoing amount was divided among the Districts as follows:

New Orleans District	$500 00
Delhi District	100 00
Homer District	100 00
Shreveport District	100 00
Alexandria District	100 00
Opelousas District	100 00

A. E. GOODWYN,

Treasurer of the Missionary Board of the Louisiana Conference.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

LOUISIANA ANNUAL CONFERENCE BOARD OF MISSIONS

OF THE

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH SOUTH

ARTICLE 1. This Board shall be denominated the Louisiana Annual Conference Board of Missions, auxiliary to the Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

ART. 2. The Board shall consist of nine members, elected annually by the Conference, five of whom shall constitute a quorum for business. At their first meeting the Board shall elect from their number a President, a Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The Board shall have power to fill all vacancies occurring by death, resignation or otherwise.

ART. 3. The President, or in his absence the Vice President, shall preside at all meetings of the Board.

ART. 4. The Secretary shall keep full and complete records of all the proceedings of the Board, and prepare the annual report of the Board for the Louisiana Annual Conference, a copy of which report he shall forward to the Secretary of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and perform such other duties as the Board may direct.

ART. 5. The Treasurer shall take charge of all the funds and properties of the Board, subject to the orders of the Board, and shall make a full report annually of all the receipts and disbursements; and he shall transmit to the Treasurer of the General Board all moneys he may receive for general purposes.

ART. 6. The Board shall regulate its own affairs. It shall have absolute control of the Missions it may establish, with the consent of the President of the Conference, within its own bounds, and of the funds raised for their support. It shall hold a public Anniversary Missionary meeting at each session of the Conference, the proceeds of which shall be equally divided between the Conference Board and the General Board. It shall publish a full report of its

operations every year in the Minutes of the Conference. It shall annually estimate the amount that may be necessary for the support of the Missions of the Conference, and apportion the same to the Presiding Elders' Districts for collection; and it shall divide the apportionment of the General Board among the several Districts of the Conference.

ART. 7. An annual collection shall be taken up in every congregation, by the Preacher in charge, in aid of the Conference Missions, and another in aid of the Foreign Missions, the proceeds of which shall be transmitted to the Treasurer of the Board.

ART. 8. This Constitution may be altered and amended by a vote of a majority of the Conference at any of its annual sessions.

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD FOR 1876.

PRESIDENT.....B. F. ALEXANDER.
VICE PRESIDENT.....W. H. FOSTER.
SECRETARY.....JOEL T. DAVES.
TREASURER.....A. E. GOODWYN.

BOARD.

Clerical	*Lay.*
A. E. GOODWYN.	W. H. FOSTER.
R. S TRIPPETT.	W. H. N. MAGRUDER.
B. F. ALEXANDER.	R. M WALMSLEY.
JOEL T. DAVES.	
J. A. MILLER.	
N. S. CORNELL.	

MISSIONARY ASSESSMENTS FOR 1876.

FOREIGN.

Amount assessed the Conference, by the General Board, for the Foreign work.....$3330 00

MISCELLANEOUS COLLECTIONS.

	Church B'dg and Rep'rs.	Parsonages.	Paid for House Rent.	Collected for Poor.	Collected and Expended for Local Miss'ns
	$	$	$	$	$
New Orleans District					
Carondelet Street				379 10	
Felicity Street			400 00	219 00	
Moreau Street				176 00	
Cadiz Street	100 00				
Louisiana Avenue				10 00	
Algiers				43 00	
Baton Rouge	140 00			20 00	
Delhi District					
Monroe		10 00		9 50	
Trenton	55 00		100 00		
Bastrop		125 00		3 05	
Lind Grove					
Oak Ridge					
Winnsboro	35 00			1 00	
Tensas	13 00				
Delhi			131 25		
Lake Providence			180 00		
Homer District					
Minden			75 00		
Vernon		300 00			
Louisville	20 00				
Farmerville	100 00				
Shreveport District					
Shreveport		352 15			
Caddo	1575 00			25 00	100
Mansfield and Pleasant Hill		120 00			
Natchitoches	70 00				
Manny and Beulah	3 00				
Springville	260 00				
North Bossier	320 00				
Alexandria District					
Pineville and Alexandria	25 00				
Montgomery	400 00	50 00			
Columbia	200 00		165 00	100 00	

MISCELLANEOUS COLLECTIONS—Continued.

	Church B'd'g and Rep'rs	Parsonages.	Paid for House Rent.	Collected for Poor.	Collected and Expended for Local Miss'ns.
Opelousas District	$	$	$	$	$
Washington and Port Brulée	180 00	100 00			
Vermillionville	36 00				
New Iberia		198 00		1 00	
Franklin		78 00			
Evergreen	261 00				

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The report of the Chairman of the Committee on Sunday Schools concludes as follows:

The following resolutions were appended to the report on Sunday Schools.

Resolved, 1st. That the influence of the Sunday School in religious teaching and culture cannot be too highly estimated, but it is not a substitute for either parental or pastoral instruction.

2d. That the true success and aim of all Sunday School instruction and work should be the conversion of the children, and bringing them into connection with the Church as members.

3d. That we will devote ourselves with renewed and consecrated effort in promoting the cause of Sunday Schools, imploring the aid and blessing of the Holy Spirit on our labors.

4th. That to further this end, we will endeavor to patronize and circulate the Sunday School periodicals and literature of our Church, as best calculated to teach and disseminate the doctrines and usages of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

B. F. WHITE, }
S. K. RUSS, } COM.

CHURCH PUBLICATIONS.

The following resolutions were appended to the report on Church Publications and adopted:

Resolved, 1st. That we regard it as our sacred duty to use our efforts to circulate our Church publications, both books and periodicals, wherever we can.

2d. That we endorse the management of the NEW ORLEANS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, and will endeavor to place it in every family of the Church in our Conference.

3d. That we regard the NASHVILLE CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE as a most excellent religious paper, and indispensable to all Methodists who would be informed on the general matters of the Church; and that we will endeavor to largely increase its circulation within our bounds.

4th. That we are highly pleased with our Sunday School periodicals, and will endeavor, as soon as possible, to supply all our schools with them.

T. J. UPTON,
J. W. MEDLOCK,
R. L. ROBINSON.

EDUCATION.

CENTENARY COLLEGE.

Your Committee would direct special attention to Centenary College.

The Trustees and Faculty deserve special commendation for their unfaltering efforts and special zeal in behalf of the institution committed to their charge.

In the present aspect of the educational interests of our country, we are more profoundly impressed than ever, that it is necessary, not only to co-ope-

rate with the officers in enlarging its power for good, but that extraordinary efforts should be put forth to constitute Centenary the great protestant educational center in Louisiana.

Resolved, 1st. That we rejoice to learn of the present prosperity of Centenery College, and the hopefulness of its future, and

2d. That we earnestly recommend our ministers to labor to the utmost of their ability to sustain and enlarge this great educational enterprise of our Conference.

PIERCE AND PAINE COLLEGE.

From the Trustees of this institution your committee have received no report.

We find, after inquiry, that Mrs. Bonnerman and Mr. Jos. Moss, who we are informed are good and efficient teachers, now occupy the building, and are conducting a male and female school of high grade.

Your committee recommend the appointment of J. Pipes and J. M. Brown to fill vacancies upon the Board of Trustees, caused by the removal of R. H. Adair and S. S. Scott.

CLERICAL.

Bishop J. C. Keener, D. D.,	Rev. B. F. Alexander,	John Pipes,
J. M. Brown,	B. Clegg,	F. White,
J. A. Miller,	A. E. Goodwyn,	J. M. Franklin,
R. J. Harp,	R. Parvin.	

LAY.

H. J. Davis, *Secretary,*	W. D. Gooch. *Treasurer,*	H. S. Kennedy, *President,*
T. A. Armstrong,	J. M. Gibbs,	J. C. Leopole,
E. W. Jackson,	J. Porter,	W. Hampton,
N. C. Gibbs,	R. W. Freeman.	

MANSFIELD FEMALE COLLEGE.

The report says: "The College is evidently doing great good in Christian education, and is, undoubtedly, in every way worthy of the patronage of the Conference and the people. The following resolution is appended to the report:

Resolved, That we fully endorse this well known institution, and earnestly commend it to the support of all Louisiana Methodists, and that we approve of the suggestion of the Board of Trustees, that the Presiding Elder, Joel T. Daves, is a suitable person to fill the vacancy in the Board of Managers, caused by the removal of S. S. Scott.

Resolved, That this Conference heartily approve of the election of Prof. Thos. Armstrong as President of Mansfield Female College; that we commend the institution to the patronage of our people, and that we will use our influence to secure pupils for the College.

BOARD OF MANAGERS FOR 1876.

Rev. John Pipes,	Wm. Bowman,
Rev. Joel T. Daves,	B. T. Spearman.
Rev. J. M. Brown,	

BIBLE CAUSE.

The Committee reported the following resolutions, which were adopted:

The Committee on the Bible Cause beg leave to report the following resolutions for adoption by the Conference, viz.:

Resolved, That the circulation of the Holy Scriptures, without note or comment, is one of the Grand movements of the present age for the conversion of the heathen world, and for spreading the Gospel among civilized nations.

Resolved, That the work and success of the Bible Cause are matters of joy and rejoicing to the Church of God.

Resolved, That we heartily co-operate with the Southwestern Bible Society in the distribution of the Holy Scriptures in the several fields of labor assigned us.

TEMPERANCE.

The Committee reported the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, I, That we shall endeavor to clearly establish the fact among our people, by any means which we may think best, that the law of the church prohibits the manufacture and traffic in intoxicating liquors as a means of making a living, as well as its use as a beverage.

Resolved, II, That we commend to our people temperance literature as one among the most efficient means of promoting the cause of temperance, especially among the young.

Resolved, III, That we shall endeavor to teach our people the great inconsistency of indulging in the use of intoxicating liquors while they remain in the church.

JOHN PIPES,
Dr. A. S. HELMICK,
R. PARVIN,
} COMMITTEE.

MEMOIRS.

The Committee on Memoirs to whom was referred the name of our brother, Rev. John Wilkinson, respectfully beg leave to report:

John Wilkinson was born in Parsonstown, Kings County, Ireland, August 17, 1834, and died in Baton Rouge, La., April 7, 1875. He was blest with pious parents, and trained up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Alone and an entire stranger, he arrived in New Orleans twenty-one years ago, in April—the month in which he died—being then not quite twenty-one years of age. He immediately found employment in his occupation as a printer. He promptly presented to the writer of this memoir, then pastor of the Carondelet Street Church, his certificate of membership, and entered at once into the privileges and usual activities of the church. He also identified himself with the Young Men's Christian Association, and became a useful worker. He was married to Miss Lizzie Kent, August, 1859, by Rev. Joshua Heard. For some time before the war he was foreman of the New Orleans Christian Advocate Office.

On the outbreak of the war, his sympathies were with the people of the South, and he entered into the Confederate service in an artillery company raised in Copiah county, Miss. He was in the long and severe seige of Port Hudson, where he met great perils and endured exhausting privation and suffering. On the fall of that post he was paroled. After the expiration of his parole he went into the service in the cavalry. A vacancy occurring, he was elected by his comrades their captain. He was then detailed for the protection of the country back of Vicksburg and along the western boundary of middle Mississippi. As a soldier, he was brave, faithful and pure. As an officer, he was impartial and dilligent, winning the respect and love of all in his command.

At the close of the great struggle, he returned to New Orleans. The writer being again pastor of Carondelet Street Church—though our church edifices were then held by the Methodist Episcopal Church North, we organized in the Unitarian Church, kindly loaned us—Brother Wilkinson was considered the most suitable man, and was appointed Superintendent of the Sabbath School, a position he filled with eminent ability, satisfaction and usefulness. He also resumed his place as foreman of the printing office of the New Orleans Christian Advocate. He was an accomplished artist as a printer, and filled the place of foreman with great efficiency.

He felt that he was called of God, and moved by the Holy Ghost to take on him the office and work of the ministry, and began to study for his great life calling with untiring diligence. He was recommended to the Quarterly Conference for license to preach, and was unanimously elected. Brother Wilkinson was one of those who had the hearty ontward call of the church, as well as the inward call of God to the work of the ministry. All seemed to recognize his eminent fitness for the sacred calling. The Louisiana Conference, with equal unanimity, received him, and he was appointed to Opelousas Station, which he filled three years with ever increasing usefulness and acceptability. At the close of his third year, while at Shreveport, attending the session of the

Annual Conference, his beloved and faithful wife was taken from him and his four motherless children. At the close of this Conference, Bishop McTyeire read out the name of John Wilkinson for Shreveport. There seemed to be a murmur of applause and approval all over the Conference floor. All seemed to feel and confess the eminent adaptation of the man for the place. He spent four years in Shreveport—years of intense study, pastoral labor and ever increasing acceptability as a preacher.

In May, 1871, he was united in marriage with Miss Mollie Keener, daughter of Bishop Keener, with whom he lived nearly four happy years in the unalloyed bliss of wedded love.

The last year of his pastorate in Shreveport, that city was visited with epidemic yellow fever, which, for virulence and mortality, was scarcely ever surpassed in the history of plagues and pestilences. While hundreds of all classes fled or fell, Brother Wilkinson, with the same undaunted heroism with which he had faced death upon the battle field, faced the pestilence that walketh in darkness and wasteth at noonday, until his exhausted strength succumbed to the deadly miasm. But God raised him up, and when but feeble, went forth again on his errands of mercy, nursing, comforting, counseling and providing. Many there will rise up and call him blessed. Had not the itinerant law removed him at the end of four years, the loving hands of the people of Shreveport would have held him with an unrelaxing grasp.

Brother Wilkinson's next and last field of labor was Baton Rouge. Here he was the same blameless Christian, diligent student, faithful pastor, son of consolation and popular preacher that he had ever been; only all this was magnified and intensified by constant growth in every spiritual, social and ministerial excellence.

Brother Wilkinson was gifted far above the average, but he was studious, and his natural endowments were diligently and successfully cultivated. As an English scholar he had no superior among us in thoroughness, accuracy and polish. He was also diligently prosecuting linguistic studies. In his pulpit preparations he was accurate and complete. The oil which he used in the sanctuary was well beaten. As a preacher he was clear, instructive, spiritual and impressive. He had superior elocutionary gifts, and used them with happy effect. He was a delightful companion, genial and cheerful. He had almost a feminine modesty and refinement. His æsthetic tastes were exquisite; he reveled in the love of the beautiful. We have never known a man of more singleness of aim or saintliness of character. Not long before he died, he preached a sermon on the "Resurrection." His bereaved wife says his talk in the last months and weeks of his earthly life had an increasing spirituality and heavenliness. His last earthly work was to write an address to be delivered to a thousand children in Carondelet Street Church, New Orleans, at the District Conference, and his theme was, "I want to be an Angel." How soon he realized that wish! Did not these early buds and songs indicate that the vernal glories of immortality were near? He came from his study after writing this Sabbath school address, exhausted, took to his bed, and never left it more. He was attacked with pneumonia, terminating on the brain. His talk was heavenly and beautiful. While in a state of semi-delirium he was in delightful fellowship with the angels; the theme of his last writing still floating like a beautiful vision before his mental eye.

His sickness and death produced a profound impression upon the church and community of Baton Rouge. The church, at his funeral, was draped in sable and adorned with flowers, and crowded with representatives of all classes, who wept and sobbed in tender sympathy with the solemn scene. At his grave, the Sunday School children, weeping, sung "The Beautiful River," "I Want to be an Angel," and "Over There, Over There."

Brother Wilkinson lived well on earth, and now he has gone to the home of the Godly and the good. He had a bright earthly future. Had he lived he would have attained great eminence and honor. We can ill spare him, but the Lord had need of him. His will be done. May His divine benediction and comfort rest upon the bereaved.

COMMITTEE OF EXAMINATION AND COURSE OF STUDY.

FOR EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL.

B. CLEGG, C. W. CARTER, JNO. F. WYNN.

STUDIES—The Bible, in reference to doctrines generally; Wesley's Sermons on Justification by Faith, and on the Witness of the Spirit; Book of Discipline; to ordinary branches of an English education.

Committee—*Class of First Year*—J. W. MEDLOCK, H. O. WHITE, JNO. A. MILLER.

STUDIES—The Bible, in reference to its historical and biographical parts, and its chronology; Book of Discipline, with special reference to chapter 1, sections 1 and 2; Manual of Discipline, chapters 1 and 2; Wesley's Sermons, vol. 1; Ralston's Elements of Divinity; Watson's Institutes, part 4; Preacher's Manual; Written Sermon on Repentance.

Books of Reference—Watson's Biblical and Theological Dictionary; Theological Compend; Fletcher's Works; Watson's Life of Wesley.

Committee—*Class of Second Year*—JOHN MATHEWS, B. F. WHITE, J. M. BROWN.

STUDIES—The Bible, in reference to its prophetical parts; Wesley's Sermons, vol. 2; Watson's Institutes, part 3; Smith's Elements of Divinity; Book of Discipline, with special reference to chapters 2, 3 and 4; Manual of Discipline, chapters 3 and 4; Coppee's Rhetoric; Written Sermon on Justification by Faith.

Books of Reference—Newton or Keith on the Prophecies, Angus' Hand-Book of the Bible; Claude's Essay on the Composition of a Sermon; Watson's Sermons; Bickersteth on the Spirit of Life, and Whateley's Rhetoric.

Committee—*Class of Third Year*—W. P. OWEN, B. F. ALEXANDER, C. KEENER.

STUDIES—The Bible, in reference to the Life of Christ; Wesley's Sermons, vol. 3; Watson's Institutes, part 2; Coppee's Logic; Edgar's Variations ot Popery; Book of Discipline, with special reference to chapter 5 to the end; Manual of Discipline, chapters 5, 6 and 7; Written Sermon on the Witness of the Spirit, and River's Mental Philosophy.

Books of Reference—Young's Christ of History; Neander's Life of Christ; Hickok's Mental Science; Vinet's Pastoral Theology; Steven's History of Methodism; Paine's Life of McKendree; D'Aubigne's History of the Reformation; Whateley's Logic.

Committee—*Class of Fourth Year*—J. B. WALKER, T. J. UPTON, ROBT. RANDLE.

STUDIES—The Bible, in reference to the Acts and Epistles, their analysis and design; Wesley's Sermons, vol. 4; Watson's Institutes, part 1; Powell on Apostolical Succession; River's Moral Science; Mosheim's Church History; Summers on Baptism; Book of Discipline, reviewed; Manual of Discipline, chapters 8 and 9; Written Sermon on Regeneration.

Books of Reference—Butler's Analogy; Bingham's Antiquities; Hickok's Moral Philosophy; Hoppin's Homiletics; Wall on Infant Baptism; Litton's Church of Christ; Neander's Church History; Liddon on the Divinity of our Lord; Conybeare and Howson's Life and Epistles of St. Paul.

COMMENTARIES—Clark's, Watson's Exposition, Wesley's Notes, Summers on the Gospels, Stier's Words of the Lord Jesus, Lange on the New Testament, Olshausen on the New Testament, Alford on the New Testament, Bloomfield on the New Testament, Macknight on the Epistles, Henry's Exposition, Whitby's Commentary.

NOTE.—The examination will be confined to the course of study. The books of reference are recommended to be read, and the commentaries to be consulted.

UNDERGRADUATES.

CLASS OF FIRST YEAR	A. Hoffpauir, D. A. Boddie, D. M. Ward.
CLASS OF SECOND YEAR	J. F. Patterson, G. T. Freeman.
CLASS OF THIRD YEAR	A. M. Wailes, J. W. Hearne, Wm. R. Whatley.
CLASS OF FOURTH YEAR	J. S. White, J. D. Harper, T. S. Randle, Wm. Hart, J. J. Billingsley, E. B. Foust, N. E. Clay.

NOTE.—The undergraduates and the committees of examination are required, by resolution of Conference, to be present at 9 A. M., Tuesday, before Conference session.

DISTRICT CONFERENCES—OF WHOM COMPOSED.

The following rule was adopted respecting the organization of District Conferences:

The District Conference shall be composed, first, of all the preachers, traveling and local, in the District; and, second, of one lay delegate for every forty members, or fractional part thereof, within the bounds of each Circuit, Station and Mission in the District. The lay members shall be elected by the several Quarterly Conferences, and no Quarterly Conference shall be denied two lay delegates.

SEAT OF NEXT CONFERENCE.

QUESTION 30. Where shall the next session of Conference be held?

ANSWER. Trenton, La.

APPOINTMENTS.

QUESTION 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

ANSWER:

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.....J. B. Walker, P. E.
Carondelet Street.....John Mathews.
Felicity Street.....J. B. Walker.
Moreau Street.....John T. Sawyer.
St. Charles Street.....W. E. Munsey.
Louisiana Avenue.....Linus Parker.
Algiers.....To be supplied by H. Werlein.
Lafourche.....Lewis A. Reed.
Baton Rouge.....C. Keener.
New Orleans Christian Advocate.....L. Parker.
Depository.....R. J. Harp.
S. W. Bible Society.....Jas. A. Ivy.
Plaquemine and Grosse Tête.....To be supplied.
A. G. Miller, Supernumerary.
Patrick Lane, "

DELHI DISTRICT.....Chas. W. Carter, P. E.
Monroe.....R. S. Trippett.
Trenton.....H. O. White.
Bastrop.....W. P. Owen.
Lind Grove.....Thomas S. Randle.
Oak Ridge.....N. S. Cornell.
Rayville.....J. L. Wright.
Winnsboro.....A. M. Wailes, T. J. Freeman, Jr.
Waterproof and St. Joseph.....B. Clegg.
Tensas.....Wm. Hart.
Delhi.....B. T. Alexander.
Lake Providence and Pecan Grove.....To be supplied.
Floyd.....T. H. McClendon.

HOMER DISTRICT.....John A. Miller, P. E.
Homer.....Jas. M. McKee.
Lisbon.....W. P. Kimball.
Haynesville.....T. J. Upton.
Minden.....Marcus C. Manly.
Sparta.....J. F. Patterson.
Arcadia.....C. W. Hodges.
Vernon.....J. L. Borden.
Indian Village.....Robt. Parvin.

Lewisville.....W. R. Whatley.
Downsville.....F. G. Hocutt.
{ Farmerville.....Jos. W. Hearne.
{ Marion.....Robt. Parish.

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.....Joel T. Daves, P. E.
Shreveport.....A. E. Goodwyn.
Caddo.....To be supplied by John Cassidy.
Mooringsport.....Robt. Randle.
DeSoto.....John Pipes.
Mansfield.....J. M. Brown.
Pleasant Hill.....J. M. Franklin.
Natchitoches.....J. S. White.
Natchitoches Circuit....To be supplied by W. J. Atwood.
Anacoco and Leesville.....Jas. Owen.
Springville.....Jesse Fulton.
Webster.....R. M. Crowson.
South Bossier.....Geo. M. Liverman.
North Bossier.....Phil. Allen.

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT.....S. H. Cooper, P. E.
Alexandria and Pineville.....J. W. Medlock.
Rapides.....To be supplied by J. P. Shephard.
{ Montgomery.....D. A. Boddie.
{ Colfax.....To be supplied by H. M. Ragan.
Harrisonburg and Sicily Island.....J. H. Stone.
Centerville.....Chris. R. Godfrey.
Columbia.....John F. Wynn.
Caldwell.....Geo. Jackson.
Saline.....To be supplied by T. S. Collier.

OPELOUSAS DISTRICT.....Jas. E. Cobb, P. E.
Washington.....R. S. Isbell.
Opelousas.....S. H. Schroeder.
{ Vermillionville.....R. A. Davis.
{ Grand Coteau.....John V. Pointer.
Abbeville.....Abel Hoffpauir.
New Iberia.....B. F. White.
Franklin.....J. F. Scurlock.
Pattersonville and Brashear.....A. E. Clay.
{ Lake Charles.....J. J. Billingsly.
{ Grand Cheniere.....To be supplied.
Bayou Bœuff.....Fred. White.
Spring Creek.....J. M. Johnson.
Sugar Town.....D. M. Ward.
Evergreen.....J. D. Harper.
Calcasieu Circuit.....To be supplied by W. B. Pilley.
Simmsport.....Enos B. Foust.

TRANSFERRED—R. H. Adair and S. S. Scott, to Northwest Texas Conference; Thomas Mullett, withdrawn.

SUPERANNUATED—Henry C. Thweatt, Philo M. Goodwyn, Joel Saunders, John S. Davis, Wm. E. Doty, Edwin W. Yancey, Philip H. Diffenworth, and J. C. Read.

ACT OF INCORPORATION OF THE LOUISIANA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, M. E. CHURCH SOUTH.

AN ACT

To Incorporate the Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, in General Assembly convened*, That John C. Keener, H. N. McTyeire, J. Saunders, R. Randle, J. B. Walker, S. J. Davies, L. Parker, Philo M. Goodwyn, and L. A. Reed, and their associates and successors, such as the Louisiana Annual Conference may, from time to time, think proper to appoint, be and they are hereby created a body politic and corporate, under the name and style of the "Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South," and by which name and corporation shall have succession and be capable of suing and being sued, entering into contracts and receiving and holding property for educational purposes and such charitable uses as may, from time to time, be specified by the said Conference at its annual sessions, either by donation or purchase.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted, etc.*, That the domicile of said corporation shall be located in the City of New Orleans, and the affairs thereof shall be managed by nine trustees, to be appointed by the Louisiana Annual Conference, one of whom shall be elected president. The president and four trustees shall form a quorum, and shall have power to appoint all other officers necessary for conducting its affairs, and make and adopt such rules, by-laws and regulations as they may deem proper for the management of said corporation; provided, that the same be in conformity with the laws and regulations of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and not repugnant to the laws of the State.

JOHN M. SANDIDGE,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
ROBERT C. WICKLIFFE,
President of the Senate.

Approved March 15, 1855:

P. O. HEBERT,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.

A true copy:
ANDREW S. HERRON,
Secretary of State.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LEGAL CONFERENCE.

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Resolved, That the Conference Board of Trustees be instructed to hold a meeting at every session of the Conference, and to make a report in due form to the Conference of their proceedings, and of all matters in their charge.

Resolved, That the act of incorporation be published annually in the printed minutes.

BISHOPS OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH SOUTH.

NAMES.	BORN.		ENTERED ITINERANCY.		Ordained Deac'n	Ordained Elder	ORDAINED BISHOP.		REMARKS.
	WHERE.	WHEN.	CONFERENCE.	WHEN.			WHERE.	WHEN.	
Joshua Soule	Maine	1781	New York	1799	1801	1803	Baltimore	1824	Died in Tenn., March, 1867.
James O. Andrew	Georgia	1794	South Carolina	1812	1814	1816	Philadelphia	1832	Died in Mobile, March, 1871.
William Capers	South Carolina	1790	South Carolina	1808	1810	1812	Petersburg	1846	Died in S. Carolina, Jan. '55.
Robert Paine	North Carolina	1799	Tennessee	1818	1822	1824	Petersburg	1846	Residence, Aberdeen, Miss.
Henry B. Bascom	New York	1796	Ohio	1813	1815	1817	St. Louis	1850	Died in Kentucky, Sept., 1850.
George F. Pierce	Georgia	1811	Georgia	1830	1832	1834	Columbus, Ga.	1854	Residence, Sparta, Ga.
John Early	Virginia	1786	Virginia	1807	1809	1811	Columbus, Ga.	1854	Died in Virginia, 1873.
H. H. Kavanaugh	Kentucky	1802	Kentucky	1823	1825	1827	Columbus, Ga.	1854	Residence, Lexington, Ky.
Wm. M. Wightman	South Carolina	1808	South Carolina	1828	1830	1832	New Orleans	1866	Residence, Charleston, S. C.
Enoch M. Marvin	Missouri	1823	Missouri	1841	1843	1845	New Orleans	1866	Residence, St. Louis, Mo.
David S. Doggett	Virginia	1810	Virginia	1829	1832	1833	New Orleans	1866	Residence, Richmond, Va.
H N. McTyeire	South Carolina	1824	Virginia	1845	1848	1849	New Orleans	1866	Residence, Nashville, Tenn.
John C. Keener	Maryland	1819	Alabama	1842	1844	1846	Memphis, Tenn.	1870	Residence, New Orleans, La.